

Amendment No. 1 to HB2847

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 2741

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by deleting all language following the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-113(b), is amended by adding the following new language after the first sentence:

The child's parent, pursuant to subdivision (g)(11), shall also have standing to file a petition pursuant to this part or title 37 to terminate parental or guardianship rights of a person alleged to be a parent or guardian of the child.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-113, is further amended by adding the following new subdivision to subsection (g):

(11)

(A) The parent has been found to have committed severe child sexual abuse under any prior order of a criminal court. For the purposes of this section, severe child sexual abuse means the commission of any of the following acts towards a child:

- (i) Aggravated rape, pursuant to § 39-13-502;
- (ii) Aggravated sexual battery, pursuant to § 39-13-504;
- (iii) Aggravated sexual exploitation of a minor, pursuant to § 39-17-1004;
- (iv) Especially aggravated sexual exploitation of a minor, pursuant to § 39-17-1005;
- (v) Incest, pursuant to § 39-15-302;
- (vi) Rape, pursuant to § 39-13-503; or
- (vii) Rape of a child, pursuant to § 39-13-522.

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(B) When one (1) of the child's parents has been found to have committed an act specified in subdivision (g)(11)(A), the child's other parent shall have standing to file a petition to terminate the parental rights of the abusive parent. Nothing in this section shall give a parent standing to file a petition to terminate parental rights based on grounds other than those listed in this subdivision (g)(11).

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.